

Rich Strike on Valley View Claim of Importance

building purposes. The mines at Rhyolite and Johnny are located so near this addition that much of their timber is drawn from the area. The total stand upon the addition is estimated at 6,500,000 feet of saw timber, consisting mainly of yellow pine with a little Alpine fir, and 500,000 cords of cordwood, a portion of which is adaptable as mining timbers and posts. In the past about 300,000 feet of saw timber has been cut under little or no supervision or regard for the future welfare of the timber supply. The supervisor of the Moapa forest is now empowered to make sales from this area to any citizens and all such timber cutting will be carried on under regulations which provide for the fullest use of the available timber and the future improvement of its quality and quantity.

No running streams head in the area, but there is a snow fall of two feet or more in winter and no doubt water holes and springs at a considerable distance from the mountains on which the addition is located de-

rive their flow from the water which sinks into the ground on the hills. Grazing on the area will be conducted under the usual regulations of the department of agriculture, which provide for the fullest possible use of the forage crop without allowing over-grazing which would prevent the proper reproduction of the grasses and damage the ground cover, which prevents erosion and keeps such runoff as there is in its normal condition. The departmental regulations are planned to insure to the bona fide local settlers the greatest possible advantages in the use of the range. Outside grazers are admitted to the use of forest range only after the needs of the local men have been satisfied.

The Moapa forest is in charge of Acting Forest Supervisor H. E. Mathews, whose headquarters are at Las Vegas, Nevada. All departmental business as regards either grazing or the purchase of timber should be addressed to him. The Moapa forest is included in administrative district No. 4, the central office of which is located at Ogden, Utah.

45,000 ACRES ADDED TO MOAPA NATIONAL FOREST

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION MAKES ADDITION TO MOAPA NATIONAL FOREST.

The president has signed a proclamation creating an addition of approximately 45,000 acres to the Moapa national forest. This addition is at the northwest corner of the Charleston division of the Moapa forest, mainly in townships 17, 18 and 19 south, ranges 54 and 55 east, M. D. M. The Moapa forest is located in the southeast corner of Nevada.

As is usual in Nevada, the timber cover of this area is not of high grade but on account of the scarcity of timber throughout the state, even the poorest grades are eagerly sought by the operators of the mines and by settlers for fencing, fuel and other uses.

The discovery made by Messrs. Gordon and Garrett on the Valley View claim of the Round Mountain Mining company a few weeks ago has set mining men to thinking and the consensus of opinion is that it is likely to develop into one of the most important, if not the most import-

ant, strikes that has been made in the district.

An incline is being sunk on the ledge and the ore is steadily increasing in extent, there being from eight inches to five feet of ore that will assay from \$20 to \$25 per ton with streaks through it that will run from \$50 to \$60.

A quantity of the ore which has been sampled shows the character of the vein to be different from anything heretofore mined on the company's acreage and the fact that it is pure quartz lends additional significance to the strike. The only other property in the camp where the quartz has been encountered in any quantity has been on the property of the Round Mountain Daisy Mining company.

The quartz is white and free milling and the formation runs at right angles to the formation in which the ore of the section has been found. Its bearing upon the geological conditions in the district is said to be most important as offering an explanation of the source of the deposits and further substantiating what has already become an assured fact, that the ore is really deep seated and not merely a surface enrichment.

Progress at this point, from now on will be watched by the mining fraternity with unusual interest for it is predicted that here is the making of another great and permanent mine.—Round Mountain Nugget.

THREE HUNDRED PATIENTS STARVING

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Three hundred patients in the hospitals of Caracas were starving, according to news brought by the steamer Prince Wilhelm IV, which arrived today from Venezuela.

A short time ago the physicians and nurses went out on a strike because the authorities failed to furnish sufficient supplies of food and medicine. This caused much distress.

NEWSPAPER OWNER OPENS BIG LEDGE

History repeats itself. It does this in mining in Austin, the same as in other lines of human effort. It is doing it now in the Isabelle mine, which is being actively worked by the Austin-Manhattan Consolidated Mining company, says the Reese River Reveille.

The Reveille is the historian in this case and has the documents to prove what it says. An issue of this paper in the spring of 1865 tells of a shipment of ore from the Isabelle mine of a few tons that yielded over 1000 ounces in silver, the net returns in gold being \$1400. This ore came from the 65-foot level.

This week at the 500 level the men in the employ of the Austin-Manhattan company struck a high grade shoot of ore of the same class, although the returns are not in from the assay office. Four men have been at work at this level for some time and two more will now be added. Timbers will be taken to the mine the first of the week and arrangements completed for the stoping and the ore will be brought to the surface.

In connection with the good strike in the Isabelle workings, it is announced that the face of the tunnel is quite close to the Frost shaft, and the announcement of reaching the end of the long bore may be made any day. This will complete a great task which consists in cleaning out and retimbering a bore 6000 feet in length from the company mill in town, in a northeasterly direction under the town to a point under the center of Lander hill. It is here that the first deep sinking of the Austin-Manhattan company will be done. The Frost shaft will immediately be sunk another 2000 feet, making the deepest workings in the district.

This mine is being opened up by George Kilborn, proprietor of the Reno Journal.

THE ITALIAN FUND.
(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—A contribution today of \$10,300 brings the grand total up to \$1,006,626 of cash collected for the Italian earthquake sufferers by the American Red Cross society.

GATES MILL AT RAWHIDE SOLD

RAWHIDE, Feb. 22.—For the sum of \$3032, the Dean mining claim, as well as the "Gates mill," at Rawhide, were sold at public auction by the sheriff Saturday. The purchaser was L. W. Kline of San Francisco. The mill was at one time the property of "Swiftwater Bill" Gates. The sale grew out of a judgment rendered in the case of the Hazen Lumber company against the Rawhide Quartz Milling and Mining company.

KEWANAS IS SINKING TO GREATER DEPTH

The Kewanas Extension shaft is now down 500 feet, and is being driven to further depth as fast as possible. The company intends to keep right on until a depth of at least 800 feet shall have been attained.

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